on going projects supported under the scheme has been undertaken with help of subject experts nominated by the four Regional Committees, of the All India Council for Technical Education.

(d) Since the schemes are meant to help the institutions to create and develop a research base for improvement of quality of Technical Education, the question of any revenue loss does not arise.

Admission in Kendriya Vidyalayas

2350. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of children of Central Government employees who are being denied admission in Kendriya Vidyalayas in first standard in recent years has been 5 to 8 times more than that of those who are given admission; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken/propose to take to ensure that all children of Central Government employees who seek admission in Kendriya Vidyalayas are accommodated?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has intimated that while the number of students seeking admission in class-I in Kendriya Vidyalayas is always more than the seats available for admission, the exact data about the number of applicants is not maintained by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan.

(b) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan opens new schools, additional sections and has also introduced 2nd shift in some Kendriya Vidyalayas depending on the demand, availability of infrastructure and financial resources of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan.

Winding up of Women's Study Centres

2351. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the review committee set up by the UGC to examine the functioning of Women's Studies Centres and cells in its report have suggested winding up of most of the centres;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) if so, what are the other salient features of the recommendations of the review committee;

(d) what are the implications involved in closing down the centres; and

(e) what is the decision, if any taken by Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (e) According to the information furnished by UGC, the commission had set up a Review Committee to examine the Scheme and functioning of the women's studies centres and cells. The salient features of the recommendations made by the Review Committee are indicated below:

1. To make the Scheme viable and maximally effective, instead of having a large number of Women's Studies Centres, it may be restricted to 10-15, taking care to cover all the regions of the country.

2. The selection of these Centres should be based on the recommendations of a specially constituted expert committee.

3. The commitment of the State Government to take over the responsibility should be obtained prior to sanction of the Centre.

4. The University should give its commitment to provide the required infrastructural and other support.

5. The Centre should have a core faculty of one Director (Professor scale), two Assistant Directors (Reader's scale) and three Project Officers (Lecturer's scale). These should be provided in phases after performance appraisal.

6. All faculty positions should be on a contract basis.

7. There should be an Advisory Committee which should include State Government Officers.

8. There should be continuous monitoring and performance evaluation.

9. The UGC should provide funding for starting a journal to disseminate the findings of the Women's Studies projects.

10. The Cells set up in the colleges have not proved very successful and these may be discontinued.